

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Chad Hinrichs on 12/8/2008.

The application has been amended as follows:

Claims 2, 3, 5-7 and 17-45 are canceled.

Claim 1 now recites:

A textile material, comprising:

a base fabric having one or more threads, one or more coating layers; and,
stitch rupturing and laddering of said threads,

wherein an appearance of said textile is capable of being changed by
stretching said material in two or more pre-determined directions;

wherein the change in appearance of said material is reversible and is returned
substantially to its original appearance by stretching the material in a direction
substantially at right angles to the original two or more directions of stretching.

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Claim 46 now recites:

A textile material formed by the method comprising selecting a base fabric, applying one or more coating layers to at least a part of a side of the base fabric, and manipulating the coated fabric in two or more pre-determined directions in order to alter the structure of the coated fabric; wherein the alteration in structure of said fabric is reversible and is returned substantially to its original structure by stretching the material in a direction substantially at right angles to the original two or more directions of manipulation.

Claims 8-11 are now dependent from claim 1.

Reasons for Allowance

2. Claims 1, 4, 8-16 and 46-48 are allowed.
3. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: the prior art of Record fails to teach or suggest a coated fabric wherein the alteration in structure of said fabric is reversible and is returned substantially to its original structure by stretching the material in a direction substantially at right angles to the original two or more directions of manipulation.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to MATTHEW D. MATZEK whose telephone number is (571)272-2423. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F, 9-5:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Larry Tarazano can be reached on 571.272.1515. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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